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Eisenhower Pep Talks Scheduled to Begin Nov. 13 in Oklahoma

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—President Eisenhower announced today that he would deliver the first of several “chin-up” addresses at Oklahoma City Nov. 13 in an effort to bolster America’s confidence in its scientific progress and economic strength.

He accepted an invitation from Gov. Raymond Gary to speak at a celebration marking the 50th anniversary of Oklahoma’s admission to the Union. The topic of the speech, to be carried by radio and television will be “Science and Security.”

PESSIMISTIC REPORT

The President’s announcement coincided with a jarring report by his special committee on scientists and engineers. It said the United States no longer enjoyed the vast scientific edge it held over Russia 20 years ago. It cited a number of Soviet accomplishments as proof.

The committee released a previously secret report by Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr., assistant director of the Central Intelligence Agency, showing that Russia has 1,500,000 scientists compared to 1,300,000 in the United States.

RUSSIAN SPURT SEEN

Scoville, who predicted launching of the Russian Sputnik just a few hours before the event, said there was no question that the Soviets were “moving forward by leaps and bounds” in the military-scientific field.

Scoville’s report that Russia could launch a satellite “at any time” was delivered at a closed meeting of the committee on Oct. 4.

A few hours later Russia announced that Sputnik was whirling around the earth.

The Scoville report was made public by the committee at an open meeting today. The President established the special committee April 3, 1953, to “coordinate and stimulate the Nation’s efforts to meet the shortage of scientific manpower.”

SCOVILLE QUOTED

Dr. Scoville was quoted as saying:

“There is no question but that the Soviets are capable of great accomplishments both in peacetime and wartime. In view of the dynamic drive of their entire

scientific program, we must expect further revolutionary developments in addition to the first satellite launching.”

In another development today, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, Mass., alerted all moonwatching teams to be at their posts by Tuesday in anticipation of a second Russian satellite launching.

The President announced in a New York speech Oct. 22 that he would deliver several talks on “the continuing endeavor of our people in fields of scientific achievement—and methods for gaining ever greater achievement.”

4 TO 6 SPEECHES

He said the speeches also would deal with “the strength of our domestic economy, the character and power of our domestic programs, the right of our people to confidence in the strengths.” Aides said he planned four to six speeches, maybe extending into next year.

Mr. Eisenhower plans to fly to Oklahoma City around midday Nov. 13 and return to Washington that night or the next day.

All radio networks plan to carry the speech on delivery. NBC television also is to carry it live while ABC-TV and CBS-TV will present kinescope showings at 11:15 P. M.